

*Industries Development Commission Notice No. 1981/4—
Study of the New Zealand Rubber Industry*

(1) In a letter of 20 March 1981, the Minister of Trade and Industry requested the Commission to undertake an inquiry into the general rubber industry. This study was announced in the 1979 Budget Statement and commenced by an interdepartmental team of officials but referred to the Commission to enable greater public participation through the Commission's procedures.

(2) The Commission is asked to prepare a development plan for the general rubber industry. The Minister's letter reads:

"I therefore request the Commission—

To inquire into the present situation of the New Zealand rubber industry, excluding that industry engaged in the manufacture of tyre of Tariff Item 40.08.021 and tyres and tubes of Tariff Heading 40.11 which is subject to separate reference, and its potential to contribute to New Zealand's economic growth, taking into account the interests of the manufacturers, and employees, commercial and other users, and the distributive trade.

In the context of this inquiry, to also consider policy which may relate to floor coverings be they rubber of Tariff Chapter 40, plastic of Tariff Chapter 39 or linoleum of Tariff Heading 59.10.

To recommend a development plan covering future development of the industry and action by the industry itself, other associated sectors and the Government.

To report by 31 December 1981.

For the purposes of this reference, the Industries Development Commission should regard the rubber industry as not only that industry which produces goods classified within Chapter 40 of the Customs Tariff but also that:

- (a) which is engaged in the production of rubber goods classified elsewhere in the Tariff.
- (b) which produces rubber components or converts rubber intermediary goods for incorporation into products classified elsewhere in the Tariff.

The Commission, in undertaking this inquiry, should be mindful of the considerable production of fully-manufactured rubber goods or components classified other than in Chapter 40 of the Customs Tariff and, to the extent that it considers appropriate, should offer recommendations as to the policies that could reasonably be applied in relation to such production consistent with a strategy for the future development of the industry.

Also, the Commission may take evidence on, and otherwise have regard to, any material or product it considers relevant to the inquiry or exclude from its considerations any material or product it might consider not relevant to such an inquiry."

(3) The only exclusions from this study are:

(i) Pneumatic tyres and tubes of Tariff Headings 40.11 and tyre of Tariff Item 40.08.021 which are the subject of a separate study (see Commission's Notice No. 1981/5).

(ii) Automotive parts and accessories are excluded and will be considered within the announced study of the motor vehicle industry.

(iii) Rubber footwear and parts of footwear are also excluded as they come within the scope of the inter-departmental study into the footwear industry.

(4) The Commission is also requested to consider the policy which may relate to floor coverings be they rubber of Tariff Chapter 40, plastic of Tariff Chapter 39 or linoleum of Tariff Heading 59.10. The Commission, under its terms of reference, has added to this area of the industry that which manufactures floor coverings prepared on a base of paper or of paper-board and classified within Tariff Heading 48.12 to ensure a complete coverage of all these similar types of floor coverings.

(5) The Commission, in its studies of the textile industry and the plastics industry, excluded from its consideration textile gloves, mitts, etc., of Tariff Headings 60.02, 60.06 and 61.10 and plastic gloves, etc., classified within Tariff Heading 39.07. It has been decided that these should be included within this study together with the rubber gloves of Tariff Heading 40.13 and the leather gloves of Tariff Headings 42.03, 43.03 and 43.04.

(6) The Commission also excluded from its study of the plastic industry the teats of Tariff Item 39.07.201 which will be considered in this study in conjunction with those teats classified within Chapter 40 of the Customs Tariff.

(7) The Commission invites parties who have an interest in any of the areas covered by the above to register that interest in writing with the Commission not later than 30 April 1981. Registration should include the following:

- (a) Name and address of party registering interest;
- (b) The goods to which the interest relates;
- (c) Status of interest under one or more of the following classes:

New Zealand manufacturer of goods under reference;
New Zealand manufacturer using goods under reference;
Overseas manufacturer;
Importer;
Distributor;
Raw material supplier;
Trade union;
Trade organisation;
Other (specify).

(8) The Commission will, as soon as possible after 30 April, distribute detailed guidelines for submissions and advise the timetable and procedures it intends to follow in undertaking this study.

(9) It is anticipated that these procedures will involve the preparation and public distribution of a draft report based on the submissions received in response to the guideline questionnaires and the detailed information already provided to the Commission arising from the work on this study already carried out by an inter-departmental study team. This draft report will then be the subject of a public hearing following which the Commission will prepare its final report.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of April 1981.

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*Industries Development Commission Notice No. 1981/5—
Study of the New Zealand Industries Engaged in Manufacturing Pneumatic Tyres and Tubes and Retreading*

(1) In a letter of 20 March 1981, the Minister of Trade and Industry requested the Commission to undertake a study of the above industry and recommend a plan for its future development. The Minister's letter reads:

"At a meeting on 18 November 1980 the Cabinet Economic Committee approved the referral to the Industries Development Commission for inquiry of the tyre industry.

I therefore request the Commission:

To inquire into and report on the present situation of the New Zealand industry engaged in the manufacturing of tyre of Tariff Item 40.08.021 and of tyres and tubes (including the retreading of tyres) of Tariff Heading 40.11; the potential for its development; and its potential to contribute to New Zealand's economic growth, taking into account the interests of the manufacturers, and employees, commercial and other users, and the distributive trade.

To recommend a development plan covering future development of the industry and action by the industry itself, other associated sectors and the Government.

To report on the above inquiry by 31 December 1981.

When making its inquiry and report the Commission may take evidence on and otherwise have regard to any other matter or product it considers relevant to the inquiry under reference, or exclude from its consideration any matter or product it considers not relevant."

(2) The Commission has decided that, as the manufacture of the non-pneumatic tyres of Tariff Heading 40.11 is carried out in conjunction with the manufacture of general rubber goods, those tyres should be considered during the study of the New Zealand Rubber Industry (the Commission's Notice No. 1981/4 refers) rather than as part of this study of the tyre manufacturing and retreading industry. The retreading of non-pneumatic tyres will, however, be covered by this study.

(3) The Commission invites parties who have an interest in any of the areas covered by the above reference to register that interest in writing with the Commission not later than 30 April 1981.

(4) Registration should include the following:

- (a) Name and address of party registering interest;
- (b) Status of interest under one or more of the following classes:

New Zealand manufacturer of goods under reference;
New Zealand manufacturer using goods under reference;
Overseas manufacturer;
Importer;
Distributor;
Raw material supplier;
Trade union;
Trade organisation;
Other (specify).